Illinois Commerce Commission Pipeline Safety Field Trip Report

Operator: AMEREN ILLINOIS COMPANY	Operator ID#: 32513					
Exit Meeting Contact:	Total Man Days: 6					
Pipeline Safety Representative(s): Jim Watts, Aaron McElravy						
Company Representative to Receive Report: Michael Fuller	Emailed Date:					
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Inspection Summary

Inspection Type	Location	ICC Analyst	Inspection Unit(s)	Man Day(s)	Inspection Date(s)	Contact(s)
Integrity Management Record Audit	Decatur	Jim Watts,Aaron McElravy	Decatur Plaza	6	12/4/2012, 12/5/2012, 12/6/2012	Bob Roth, Carey Phelps, Matthew Anderson

Statement of Activities

On December 4-6, 2012, Staff conducted a review of the applicable records and associated protocols regarding Transmission Pipeline Integrity Management Program (TIMP) for 2010-2011. The audit was conducted to determine compliance with applicable IL Adm. Codes and the Code of Federal Regulations adopted via IL Adm. Part 590. As part of the inspection Staff reviewed the findings of inspections performed during 2010-2011, a current version of the baseline plan, applied the applicable protocols to the current edition of the TIMP plan. Staff identified that inspections performed by Ameren identified that there was an indication of low cathodic protection levels indicated on the Hoffman Feeder in the area of the take point station with NGPL. Ameren provided documentation indicating that bonds were installed within the station and a new rectifier was installed on the Ameren side of the Station. Preliminary testing after the rectifier installation indicates that this has corrected the low readings in this area. Review of the protocols indicates that Ameren has adequate procedures to implement the TIMP plan. Mr. Phepls stated the plan will be revised in 2013 as he has revision that he wants to complete. Staff will review the plan after the revisions are completed to ensure they meet the intent of the required regulations and recommended practices.

ISSUE(S) FOUND:

192.947d. - Staff requests that Ameren establish and maintain an annual listing of HCA's. Staff requests that this list also include their last two inspection dates where applicable, the date of any revisions to the HCA for that year, the established Potential Impact Radius (PIR) for the HCA as established by Ameren, the Current Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP), the pipe diameter/s and the % of Specified Minimum Yield Strength the pipeline operates at MAOP. This is key information when analyzing HCA's and is currently a time consuming process to pull this data from the databases utilized by the IM program. Staff requests that Ameren generate this spread sheet/list after completing each inspection year. This does not need to be a stand alone document as it can be information that is included in another spread sheet or document.

192.947f. - Staff requrests that Ameren establish a method to be sued to track corrective actions required due to findings from integrity assessments. Staff observed that an area of low cathodic protection was identified on the Hoffman lateral and indicated potential levels below -.850 volts. This was turned over to the corrosion department for corrective action. The Integrity personnel were not aware what had been done on this issue and had to request information from the corrosion department to see if the issue had been corrected. Staff requests that Ameren develop some type of spread sheet to allow Pipeline Integrity to track the progress of actions being taken by another entity on items identified during their assessments. The spread sheet can be used to track and document the corrective actions that were taken to correct the issue and to ensure that the issue has been corrected in a timely manner.

ISSUE(S) CORRECTED:

NO ISSUES CORRECTED.

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT(S) FOUND:

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NO NOAS FOUND.

NOA(S) CORRECTED:

NO NOAS CORRECTED.

NOTICE OF PROBABLE VIOLATION(S) FOUND:

NO NOPVS FOUND.

NOPV(S) CORRECTED:

NO NOPVS CORRECTED.